

## Minutes of the November 8, 2010 General Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Carol Leo, at 7:35pm. A. Rimpo volunteered to take notes.

**Minutes** of the last meeting were approved as submitted.

**Membership:** M.E. Simon announced LAG current membership count is 43.

**Exhibits:** C. Clatterbuck reported the Johns Hopkins show continues through mid January. A new exhibit has been identified at PG Sports Center in Lanham, and the NIH show will be a juried entry show. Richard Zandler will be the juror. This location can support 23 paintings. Each member can submit up to 4 pieces to the jurying process. All paintings must be framed. More details regarding the NIH exhibit will be included in the December newsletter.

T. Kirby reported one painting was sold in the last Laurel Regional Hospital show and one painting was sold from the current show. The next hanging at LRH is scheduled for January 11, 2011. A volunteer is needed to help hang.

M. E. Simon and Carol Leo reported for Sherill Gross that planning for LAG's Annual Open Juried Exhibit is underway, the prospectus is ready once the juror is selected. Planning is on schedule.

**Plein air:** The last plein air painting session was held at the Patuxent Wildlife Center on October 29. 3 members and one guest attended the session and their work was on display at this evenings' meeting. Despite the windy conditions the work produced was beautiful. Since the outdoor temperatures are dropping, some paint-in events from life (still life and possibly a model) are being planned during the winter.

**Treasurer's report:** There is approximately \$1500 in the checking account, \$2900 in the money market account, and \$2400 total in between two Certificates of Deposit.

**Raffle:** The raffle raised \$14 for the Scholarship Fund.

**Programs:** The December program will be our Holiday social event and White Elephant Silent Auction. January and February will be held on Saturday afternoons in hopes of making winter traveling easier. Fritz Briggs has confirmed his Critique session in January.



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Robyn Hatton gave a presentation on Twitter for Artists. She recommended that if you get a Twitter account with the purpose of expanding your artistic reach that you use your real name and that you also have a website or a blog that people can use to verify you are an artist. This helps to establish a trust relationship. She also discussed online safety practices and referred us to a couple of websites for more information on online security. [Safetyandsecuritymessaging.org/tips.html](http://Safetyandsecuritymessaging.org/tips.html) and [staysafeonline.org](http://staysafeonline.org). Robyn also reviewed some mechanics on how to follow other people (which results in you seeing their messages on your site), retweeting a message sent by someone else in order to spread the word to all of your followers, how to send a message specifically to one person instead of to your entire following. Robyn has found that the new associates she has met on Twitter have been a wealth of information and have enabled her to participate in international exhibits that she would not have done otherwise. International events have led to more teaching opportunities, so overall Twitter has been a very positive step in her professional career as an artist.



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